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HOUSE BILL No. 1224

DIGEST OF HB 1224 (Updated February 4, 2009 5:12 pm - DI 52)

Citations Affected: IC 14-8; IC 14-25; noncode.

Synopsis: Drinking water task force. Creates a ten member drinking water task force (task force) to study and make recommendations concerning drinking water availability as an economic and environmental necessity. Provides that appointments to the task force are made by the director of the department of natural resources (DNR), provides that the director of DNR is the chairperson, and requires DNR to staff the task force. Requires certain state agencies to designate a representative to advise the task force. Permits invitation of representatives of other state and federal agencies to advise the task force. Requires the task force to make an annual report of its activities to the water resources study committee and the legislative council.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 12, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 9, 2009, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-279.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.112-2006,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 279.5. "Task force", for purposes of:

4 (1) IC 14-25-14, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-14-1; and

5 (2) **IC 14-25-16, has the meaning set forth in IC 14-25-16-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 14-25-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2009]:

9 **Chapter 16. Drinking Water Task Force**

10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the**
11 **drinking water task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**

12 **Sec. 2. (a) The drinking water task force is established to study**
13 **and make recommendations concerning the following issues with**
14 **a focus on drinking water availability as an economic and**
15 **environmental necessity:**

16 (1) **Available quantities and sources of drinking water.**

17 (2) **Future needs.**

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(3) Resource management.

(4) The determination of ownership rights, particularly in ground water.

(5) Drinking water delivery systems.

(6) Opportunities to work with neighboring states concerning shared drinking water resources.

(7) Other related issues.

(b) The task force shall provide an annual report of activities and recommendations to:

(1) the water resources study committee established by IC 2-5-25-1; and

(2) the legislative council, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of ten (10) individuals, not more than five (5) of whom may be members of the same political party, appointed by the director for four (4) year terms and representing the following interests:

(1) Key water withdrawal users, including the following:

(A) Public water supply utilities.

(B) Agriculture.

(C) Steam electric generating utility companies.

(D) Industrial users.

(2) Academic experts in aquatic habitat and hydrology.

(3) Municipalities.

(4) Key stakeholders, including the following:

(A) Environmentalists.

(B) Consumer advocates.

(C) Economic development advocates.

(D) The public.

(b) The director or the director's designee shall serve on and is chairperson of the task force. The department shall provide staff support for the task force.

Sec. 4. (a) Each of the following state agencies shall designate a representative to advise the task force:

(1) The department.

(2) The department of environmental management.

(3) The department of homeland security.

(4) The Indiana state department of agriculture.

(5) The state department of health.

(b) In addition to the representatives set forth in subsection (a), the director or the director's designee may invite representatives of other state and federal agencies to advise the task force, as

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1 appropriate.

2 Sec. 5. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting
3 members of the task force are required for the task force to take
4 action on a measure.

5 Sec. 6. At its first meeting, the task force shall establish a list of
6 its activities and the time frame within which it will carry out the
7 activities.

8 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009] (a) As used in this
9 SECTION, "task force" refers to the drinking water task force
10 established by IC 14-25-16-2, as added by this act.

11 (b) The director of the department of natural resources shall
12 make appointments to the task force by January 1, 2010.

13 (c) Notwithstanding IC 14-25-16-3(a), as added by this act, the
14 initial terms of the members of the task force are as follows:

15 (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the members serve a term of two
16 (2) years.

17 (2) Fifty percent (50%) of the members serve a term of four
18 (4) years.

19 The director of the department of natural resources shall designate
20 whether a member is appointed to a term described in subdivision
21 (1) or a term described in subdivision (2).

22 (d) The initial term of a member of the task force begins
23 January 1, 2010.

24 (e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2014.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred House Bill 1224, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 30, after "director" insert "**or the director's designee**".

Page 2, line 41, after "director" insert "**or the director's designee**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1224 as introduced.)

BISCHOFF, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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